

## CITY'S FIRST TRIPLETS

TWO GIRLS AND A BOY CAME TO BLESS THE RAMSEY HOME.

The Boy Weighs Less Than Five Pounds and the Girls About Four Pounds Each—Mother Is Only 18 Years Old.

Joseph B. Ramsey is a young machinist living in a neat two-story brick house at 50 Holmes street. Fortunately the house is commodious, for his family Dewey light. Dewey day dawned upon a cozy little family of two members, twenty-four hours later the family consisted of five members. Mrs. Ramsey having given birth to triplets, two girls and a boy Friday night. The



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH B. RAMSEY.

tiny trio are in excellent health and every indication points to their living. They are as sound as an American dollar, or, rather, as three American dollars. Mrs. Ramsey is progressing nicely. She is only a girl, having not yet passed her 18th birthday. Mr. Ramsey is only 21, but his triple birth-heredity sits serenely upon him.

Clerk Benton, of the board of health, received three postal cards yesterday, containing the usual reports of births. The first card read: "Joseph B. and Ira Ramsey, 50 Holmes street; girl." The second read: "Joseph B. and Ira Ramsey, 50 Holmes street; girl." The third card read: "Joseph B. and Ira Ramsey, 50 Holmes street; boy."

Mr. Benton thought he saw double. But there were the cards. They might have been duplicates which the physician had made to be sure of having the return made. The clerk told them aside for investigation and picked up the third card. It read:

"Joseph B. and Ira Ramsey, 50 Holmes street; boy."

The truth dawned upon him and he realized that for the first time in his official career, so far as known, he was in the history of the board of health the birth of triplets was to be recorded.

Joseph B. Ramsey, 26 years of age, and in September of the same year they were married in Sedalia, Mo., and in September of the same year they moved to Kansas City. They have a son, who was a mother at Mrs. Ramsey's age and now has the unique distinction of being the grandchild of triplets. He was of age, Mrs. Ramsey is employed at the Vulcan Iron works, 1419 Walnut street. He is not a student, but a worker. The arrangements as to toilettes had to be materially changed, and very suddenly at that. The wardrobe was constructed to hold just one little person, and while an adaptation was made, it was not a happy one. The little folks were very quiet yesterday. They looked like—but all babies look alike at that age. They were not just like other babies, and especially like each other. What means will be taken to distinguish the three? The boy was decided upon. The boy will distinguish himself, for he has been named Dewey, in honor of the United States navy. He has been named Leslie Dewey Ramsey, after the hero of Manila. The boy tips the beam at a goodly weight of one and one-half pounds, and the other two weigh about four pounds each.

## OLD SOLDIERS' EXCURSION.

Veteran Company A to Run Two Trains to Leavenworth This Morning.

Decorations day will be celebrated at the Soldiers' home at Leavenworth, Kas., today, and among the many who will participate in the exercises of the day will be the members of Veteran Company A, of this city. The old veterans were specially invited to visit the home to-day by Governor Jewell, and it will be a pleasant surprise to many of them to find the home has been decorated by the members of Veteran Company A, and the Union depot at 5 and 8 o'clock this morning. The return trip from Leavenworth will be made at 10 o'clock to-night. General John C. Black, expedition commissioner, will deliver an oration.

## NOISEMAKERS RELEASED.

Dewey Day Offenders Arrested by the Police Escape in Judge Barnham's Court.

In police court yesterday all violators of the law on Dewey day were let down easy by Judge Barnham, who expressed opinion in the cases of one of celebration and that a little surplus enthusiasm was allowable.

"What's the day for," said he, "if it isn't to give all patriots a chance to celebrate. All of us made lots of noise yesterday and if there was anyone that didn't, I'd like to know it," and the judge scowled fiercely at the thought. Fred Heindel, an American citizen who has not entirely acquired the language, was brought up for assaulting a man, but when his honor learned that the assault was in reality a defense of the flag that he wore he complimented and released him. The day was a success, and the docket was remarkably light.

## A PLACE FOR DR. F. C. NEFF.

Former Assistant Surgeon at City Hospital Made House Surgeon at Bellevue Hospital.

Dr. Frank C. Neff, who recently went to New York to take a postgraduate course in medicine, has been appointed assistant house surgeon in the infants' hospital, a branch of the Bellevue hospital, of New York. The infants' hospital is located at Mount Vernon and has continually about 60 children in hand. Young Dr. Neff is a graduate of the Central high school, and was last an assistant surgeon in the city hospital here, where he made many friends.

## Claims He Shot in Self-Defense.

William H. Mack was arraigned before Justice Krueger yesterday on a charge of murder. Mack is the barkeeper in Eliza St. Lawrence's saloon at Seventeenth and Driggs streets who shot and killed Harry Hickman on the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railway, early Wednesday morning. Blakely died of the wounds. Mack claims that he shot Blakely in self-defense. His hearing is set for June 1.

## M'NEIL AND GILTHORPE.

Officers of the Brotherhood of Boiler-makers and Iron Shipbuilders Are Re-elected.

The returns thus far received at the headquarters of the Brotherhood of Boiler-makers and Iron Shipbuilders of America from the members of the organization in the United States, Canada and Mexico, show that William J. M'Neil and William J. Gilthorpe, president and secretary of the organization, respectively, have been re-elected by a vote of 100 to 0. This makes the seventh year that Mr. Gilthorpe has been elected secretary and treasurer of the organization.

The vote is being taken on the referendum plan, the members all over the country having been sent ballots to the national headquarters in Kansas City, Kas.

The returns also show that the national headquarters of the organization will remain in Kansas City, Kas., for another year at least.

A meeting of the brotherhood will be called in the near future and an effort is being made to have the Kansas City election take place of meeting.

## THEY HOPE FOR AN ALLIANCE.

Canadian Anxious for Closer Relations Between the United States and England.

Superintendent J. M. Greenwood, of the city schools, received a communication yesterday which expresses very clearly the friendly feeling toward the United States and the desire for an alliance, which extends to Canada. The letter is from James L. Hughes, inspector of schools, Toronto, Canada, and contains in reply to a question asked by Mr. Greenwood, some time ago, the following:

"I have been delighted everywhere that I have been in the states during the last few weeks, to hear such warm expressions of friendship toward Canada. I am a Canadian. I prophesied at a meeting in the chamber of commerce, England, four years ago, that the day would come when the two great nations in the evolution of the race would unite. When it comes, it will be the day of the greatest peace and good will, your national anxiety may soon be past."

## NEITHER SIDE WILL YIELD.

There is No Change in the Plumbers' Strike Situation and Little Probability of Any Agreement.

There were no developments in the plumbers' strike yesterday, and neither party to the controversy shows any disposition to relinquish its ground. The members of the Plumbers' union hold daily meetings in Mechanics' hall, 1117 Walnut street, but their conference committee and the employers have been unable to come to an agreement and the strike shows no immediate prospect of being abandoned. Secretary William Preston, of the union, said yesterday:

"The matter stands to-day practically as it did two weeks ago. We are still out and the employers refuse to come back. It is hard to tell when the strike will end, but we do not seem to see any indication of either side's giving in or the two agreeing to a compromise."

## TO IMPROVE THE PLANT.

Additional Buildings to Be Erected by the Schwarschild & Sulzberger Company.

Mr. Ferdinand Joseph, president, and Mr. Samuel Wolf, treasurer, of the Schwarschild & Sulzberger Packing Company, with M. Sulzberger, Jr., of the same firm, are at the Coates house. Their visit is for the purpose of passing on some plans for improvements to the plant. The week will decide whether or not the work will be put up. The plant is located on the corner of 10th and Main streets. The plant has been in operation since 1880, and has been increasing its capacity. Its business has grown rapidly from the time it was started, and its location is in harmony with its past plans.

## SENT TO THE PENITENTIARY.

James Bennett Given 10 Years for Assault and Fred Morash Three for Attempt to Kill.

Judge Wofford in the criminal court at Independence yesterday sentenced James Bennett, a negro, to serve five years in the penitentiary for felonious assault on H. Clay Lewis three months ago. Both Bennett and Lewis were in the jail at Independence at the time of the assault. The men got into an altercation over a cup of coffee, and Bennett drew a knife and inflicted a severe wound on Lewis' head. Bennett, at the time, was intoxicated. Fred Morash, who was convicted two weeks ago of the charge of assault on a woman, was sentenced to three years for the crime.

## JUNIOR SOLDIERS' ANNUAL.

Children to Lead the Salvation Army Services at All the Barracks Next Sunday.

The children of the Salvation Army are hereafter to be made an important factor in the conduct of the army's work. The army meetings throughout the United States next Sunday will be led by Salvation Army children, who will lead the songs, prayers and confessions. Next Sunday at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the Garland Avenue Methodist church, burial will be in Union cemetery.

## LETTER CARRIERS' DISPLAY.

It Was One of the Conspicuous Features of the Dewey Day Parade.

The splendid showing made by the letter carriers, who furnished one of the features of the entire procession, Dewey day was inadvertently omitted in the account published by the Journal yesterday. The perfect alignment of these men, all clad in the new gray summer suits, bearing large banners trimmed with red, white and blue, was remarked upon by all who looked upon the splendid display.

## HOUSES WANTED.

People are looking for houses now. They'll quickly find them if you advertise them in The Journal real estate columns.

## CITY NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS.

Terrace City lodge, No. 278, A. O. U. W., will give an entertainment and cakewalk at 1118 Grand avenue to-morrow night. The entertainment is free.

The One Summer Club will give the first dance of a series of eight at Fairmount park Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell Leroy will champion the event.

Pride of the West council, No. 2, Daughters of Liberty, will give an ice cream social at the northwest corner of Eighteenth and Troost avenue.

Commencing to-morrow night Mrs. Saul, the city's first woman, will hold services every evening for one week at the corner of 10th and Main streets. Everybody invited, especially the ladies.

Receipts at the custom house yesterday consisted of three cars of earthenware; three cases of furs, four cases of toys, four cases of feathers and two cases of feather boots.

Examinations for teachers' state certificates will be held at the city high school, Wednesday and Thursday, June 1 and 2. State Superintendent Kirk has deposited Professor A. A. Minckwitz to conduct the examinations.

Rev. Mr. R. M. Barnes, who was once pastor of the Grand Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, but who is now chaplain of the penitentiary at Canon City, Colo., is in the city. He is the son of George W. Fuller, 211 Independence avenue.

Ten recruits from Denver passed through the city yesterday. They were all young fellows and were delighted with their trip and the chance it brought to them for getting to the front. They said there were plenty of recruits offered there and the war spirit was very high.

George Starkweather, a well dressed man, was arrested at an early hour Saturday morning at Union avenue and Hickory street by Lieutenant Pratt. He had a box of smoking tobacco under his arm that was identified as having been stolen from the store of Ridenour & Baker's wholesale grocery store.

## BLOW TO DEPOSITORS

TOTAL LOSS OF HEAVY MISSOURI NATIONAL ASSETS.

Stock in Omaha Building, With a Face Value of \$250,000, Sold for \$100—Money Advanced Is Also Lost.

The depositors of the defunct Missouri National bank lost very heavily when at Chicago on Friday Receiver T. B. Wallace closed out another of the assets of the bank. When the bank failed it held 2,900 of the 3,000 shares of stock in the Omaha office building at Van Buren and Pacific street. The stock held by the bank had a face value of \$250,000. It was sold Friday for \$100 to John A. McShane, of Omaha.

The building stands on leased ground, the annual ground rental being \$17,500. It also has a mortgage on it for \$100,000 now due and in process of foreclosure. There are rent and taxes against the building to the amount of \$15,000.

The bank held a big claim, and Receiver Wallace and Comptroller Eckles and Dawes have held on to the property hoping that some private depositor of the bank would advance any more and ordered the sale. As it stands, the bank's entire loan is lost, and the trust funds advanced trying to protect it.

The purchase was made by Mr. McShane because he was one of the bankers of the mortgage, and by buying the bank's claim the legal tangle was less complex. Receiver Wallace reported the sale to the circuit court Tuesday for confirmation.

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## HE WANTED TO DIE.

G. G. Ferguson, Believed to Be Temporarily Insane, Prevented From Committing Suicide.

G. G. Ferguson, who claimed to be an ex-prosecutor of the law, politician and lecturer from Paola, Kas., was taken into custody yesterday morning by Patrolman Younger in the Kaw river from the act of jumping into the Kaw river from the James street bridge. It is believed that he is suffering from temporary insanity.

When arrested Ferguson was standing on a pier of the James street bridge as if contemplating a leap into the muddy water below. Officer Younger noticed the queer actions of the man and he hastened to where he was standing. He caught him by the arm and then pulled him onto the bridge. Ferguson pleaded with the policeman to let him jump, but the officer refused to grant the request. Pinned to the bridge by the policeman, Ferguson was taken to the police station.

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## COMPANIES FRIENDLY

ST. JOE MEETING OF LOCAL FIRE INSURANCE AGENTS.

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